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STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION The State Library Commission held its regular meeting in Helena on July 7, 1972 to consider grant applications and hear reports on library development activities. Since Congressional action has not been taken on Library Service and Construction Act appropriations, the Commission made no grant awards, but did vote to commit available funds under Title II to the Missoula City-County Library building project, should such funds be appropriated in 1973.

William P. Conklin, Great Falls, has been named by Governor Anderson to serve a second term as member of the Commission; Mr. Conklin was first appointed to a three-year term in May 1969, and served as Chairman of the Commission in 1971.

The Commission approved the appointment of Harold Chambers, presently catalog librarian at the State Historical Society, to the State Library staff as Documents Librarian, effective on July 31, 1972. Mr. Chambers will succeed G. Wesley Burnett, who leaves the staff on July 15 to enroll in a PH.D. program at the University of Oklahoma.

The Commission heard a report from Shirley Hake, Coordinator of the South Central Federation of Libraries, on the results of the demonstration of service into Carbon and Big Horn Counties, and on negotiations between the Billings and Yellowstone County Library Boards on a contract for service into the County during the coming year.

LONG RANGE PLAN FOR LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT The State Library's long-range plan for library development, together with its annual program for LSCA activities, was submitted to the U.S. Office of Education on June 26. As soon as these documents are accepted by the USOE, copies will be distributed to all public libraries in the state and will be made available on request to other interested agencies or individuals.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK IN MONTANA Richard Gercken, Montana Library Association's 1972 National Library Week Executive Director, has asked that all Montana libraries send reports and clippings of their NLW activities to him at the University of Montana Library, in Missoula.

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION State Librarian David R. Hoffman has been elected vice-president and president-elect of the Association of State Library Agencies, a division of the American Library Association. Institution Library Service Coordinator Richard C. Peel has been named to the American Correctional Association/American Library Association Joint Committee on Institution Libraries.

LIBRARY BUILDINGS Missoula County voters, 12,017 to 5,578, approved an $850,000 bond issue for a new city-county library building, at the June 6 election. $162,270 in LSCA Title II funds were committed to this project, should the election succeed, as reported in the May 16 issue of this Newsletter.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST BIBLIOGRAPHIC CENTER — Use made by Montana libraries of the services of the Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Center continued to rise during the year which ended June 30, 1972. Of a total of 31,171 requests received from the five participating states during that year, Montana libraries generated 3,448, or 11.06 percent for the region. As an indication of the growth in use of PNBC, Newsletter readers are reminded that only 21,213 requests were received at the Center in the year which ended June 30, 1971, and only 17,766 during the year which ended June 30, 1969.

Because Montana's share of the Center's support comes from the several libraries which were members for many years before the recent reorganization and from LSCA Title II funds from the State Library, PNBC services are available to all Montana residents through their public, academic, or special libraries, or through the State Library.

TRUSTEE WORKSHOPS
PNLA WORKSHOPS — The Pacific Northwest Library Association will sponsor a series of workshops for librarians and trustees of the northwestern states in August: in Billings, Montana, August 13-15; in Vancouver, B.C., August 17-19; and in Boise, Idaho, August 21-23. The first day of each session will have a three-hour workshop for trustees, with Mrs. Alice Ihrig, past president of the American Library Trustee Association, as guest speaker and consultant. Montana librarians and trustees are urged to attend one of these meetings; membership in PNLA is not required. Further information may be requested from the State Library.

PEOPLE — Mrs. Gwen Peterson has been named librarian at the Carnegie Library, Big Timber.

Mrs. Dorothy Anhalt has retired after nineteen years as head librarian of the Sheridan County Free Library, Plentywood. Mrs. Grace Donaldson of Plentywood has been named to succeed her.

William Elison has been named Social Sciences Librarian at the University of Montana, Missoula.

Miss Lynette Johnson has been appointed a reference librarian at Montana State University, Bozeman.

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Dawn in Golden Valley: a county in Montana, by Albie Gordon, Margaret Lehfeldt, Mary Morsanny. Available from Mrs. Mary Morsanny. Ryegate, Mt., 59074. 1971. $12.50 plus postage.

Politicians in business: a history of the liquor control system in Montana, by Larry D. Quinn. University of Montana Press (Publications in Business and Economic History - 1), Missoula, 1970. $4.95.

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